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From: Doa, Maria
Sent: Thur 1/23/2014 10:52:14 PM
Subject: RE: FYI: Federal lawsuit claims company hid chemical's cancer-causing effects - potential 8(e) violation?

Thanks Toni,

Yes we have been talking with RAD about these

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Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 4:45 PM
To: Doa, Maria; Cronkhite, Leslie
Subject: RE: FYI: Federal lawsuit claims company hid chemical's cancer-causing effects - potential 8(e) violation?

Hi Maria,

Just heard back from Jeff @ IMD: CBITS and CIS don't have any records for MCHM.

I also checked the public 8(e) files and there are no records there either.

Randy sent around a link to recently released Eastman studies (<http://www.eastman.com/Pages/Eastman-Crude-MCHM-Studies.aspx>) which I've downloaded to the G drive (G:\MCHM). CDC (<http://emergency.cdc.gov/chemical/MCHM/westvirginia2014/index.asp>) and HSDB (<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/sis/search/r?dbs+hsdb:@term+@DOCNO+8182>) have additional information that has been recently developed on MCHM.

It'd be great if RAD could review the studies and the available information on MCHM to determine if these studies contained substantial risk information. I'd be happy to engage with RAD folks as needed.

Thanks,

Toni

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From: Doa, Maria
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 5:15 PM
To: Krasnic, Toni; Cronkhite, Leslie
Subject: Re: FYI: Federal lawsuit claims company hid chemical's cancer-causing effects - potential 8(e) violation?

Thanks Toni. Is there a way to easily check on the section 8(e). I did not see one associated with the chemical in ChemView but then they are not all in ChemView.

From: Krasnic, Toni
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 2:19:55 PM
To: Doa, Maria; Cronkhite, Leslie
Subject: FYI: Federal lawsuit claims company hid chemical's cancer-causing effects - potential 8(e) violation?

Hi Maria,

I just noticed this article in the WV Gazette about a federal lawsuit claiming that Eastman hid studies which showed that MHCM causes cancer. Eastman responded by saying that they didn't know about any studies that showed the chemical as a carcinogen. From the article:

<http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201401160113>

A federal lawsuit against the company that makes the chemical that leaked into the Elk River and left thousands of West Virginians without water for more than a week claims the company hid evidence that the chemical causes cancer.

The lawsuit filed against Eastman Chemical Company, which makes 4-methylcyclohexane methanol, known as "Crude MCHM," claims the company ignored studies that prove the dangers of the chemical.

Maranda Demuth, spokeswoman for Eastman, said Thursday the lawsuit had no merit and that the company isn't aware of any studies showing the chemical is carcinogenic. Demuth wouldn't provide copies of any of the company's studies or data about the potential impacts of MCHM to the Gazette during the day Thursday, but the company released them late Thursday night.

I'm not sure if the accusation has merit without looking at all the facts. This would include:

- Locating the studies and determining whether they contain substantial risk information.
- Looking through our 8(e) records to identify submissions by Eastman under 8(e) over the years.
- Coordinating with RAD and others to get a sense of what EPA knew and whether the studies present *new* substantial risk information.

Thanks,

Toni

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Lawsuit claims West Virginia spill chemical's cancer-causing effects were hidden. A federal lawsuit against the company that makes MCHM, the chemical that leaked into the Elk River and left thousands of West Virginians without water for more than a week, claims the company hid evidence that the chemical causes cancer. Charleston Gazette, West Virginia.
<http://bit.ly/1czExRp>